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SUBJECT: GROC LSTS PARTICIPATING IN VIETNAM EVACUATION

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1. MOFA VICE MINISTER TSAI WEI-PING CALLED AMBASSADOR THIS EVENING UNDER INSTRUCTION HIS GOVERNMENT GET IN TOUCH WITH US SOONEST FOLLOWING RECEIPT HERE OF WORD THAT THIEU HAD RESIGNED AS PRESIDENT. HE EXPRESSED MOUNTING CONCERN HIS GOVERNMENT THAT EVENTS MAY RAPIDLY DETERIORATE TO POINT THAT SAFETY OF FOUR (4) LST'S GROC SENT TO SOUTH VIETNAM "ON USG INITIATIVE" WOULD BE ENDANGERED, AND ASKED THAT IMMEDIATE MEASURES BE TAKEN TO KEEP GROC AMBASSADOR IN SAIGON INFORMED OF DEVELOPING SITUATION. HE ALSO REMINDED AMBASSADOR THAT ROC FEELS A PRIORITY OBLIGATION TO USE ITS SHIPS TO ASSIST IN EVACUTATION OF CHINESE NATIONALS AND PERSONS OF CHINESE DECENT (REFTELS).

2. WE THEREFORE URGED THAT EMBASSY CONTACT ROC AMBASSADOR SOONEST, KEEPING HIM ADVISED OF THOSE MATTERS OF CONCERN AS EXPRESSED REF A AND PARA 6 REF B. AT SAME TIME WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE KEPT INFORMED SO THAT WE MAY CONSULT WITH GROC ABOUT DECISIONS IT WILL HAVE TO MAKE. UNGER

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